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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

MAIL STOP: AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents Post Office Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

This letter is responsive to the Office Action mailed September 12, 2008 setting a one-month shortened statutory period for response expiring on October 12, 2008.

Applicants respectfully elect <u>Group III</u>, <u>consisting of claims 21-33</u>, which are drawn to a second product (composition comprising freeze-dried Acai fruit pulp, a method of making the second product, and using the second product to prevent/treat a disease or injury induced by pathological free radical reactions). Further, Applicants elect to prosecute the claims directed to **vascular disease**.

Applicants intend to file divisional applications claiming claims 1-13 of Group I, claiming claims 14-20 of Group II, and claiming claims 34-40 of Group IV and any remaining claimed subject matter concurrently with or shortly after filing of this response.